

Holt and Boyd Juvenile Services Three – Year Comprehensive Community Plan July 1st, 2015 – June 30th, 2018

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Section II

Community Team

Description of Team:

The Holt/Boyd Juvenile Justice Community Team is comprised of representative's probation, law enforcement, health department, county court, county government, education and the general community. They meet quarterly and as needed to process business items of juvenile services. The team has in depth discussions on our priorities as well as what goals have been met. The group has been meeting since 2002 and has a chairman and secretary.

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Section IV

Community Socio-Economics

[Discuss the socio-economics of your community. This should include the main transportation routes that run through your county, main economies within the county (i.e. industry, farming, etc.), population, race/ethnic makeup of the county/counties, age breakdown within county, educational opportunities (i.e. number of schools, colleges, trade schools), historic and natural attractions that affect the county (lakes, state parks, landmarks, etc.) and any other dynamics significant to the social and economic make up of the county/counties. Discuss how these dynamics interact with one another and strengths and issues created due to the interaction of these dynamics.]

HOLT COUNTY

Community Description

Holt County is the larger county of the two, both in terms of size and population. Holt County encompasses 2,413 square miles and the county seat of O'Neill, the population 4,887 is the major commercial center of the county. The other towns in the county are Atkinson (2,212), Stuart (590), Ewing (387), and Chambers (268). The county is bordered by 8 other rural counties. The county is traversed northwest and southeast by State Highway 20 and 275. State Highway 281 divides the county going north and south. Highway 11 runs north and south through Atkinson. Highway 95 connects 281 and 11 on the south side of the county. There are smaller country roads that are used by citizens.

*Source: U.S. Census 2010 – American Fact Finder

Holt County had a total population of 10,435 according to the 2010 Demographic Profile. According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey the median age of Holt County is 45.8. The number of people under 18 years of age in 2010 is _____, which compared to the State average of _____. 65 years ? According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey the median household income is \$44,427 which is \$7,245 below the state(\$51,627) median income. The economy of Holt county is centered around agriculture. With agriculture being the primary economy, Holt county also has several entities ad businesses pertaining to production of agriculture. (needed?) More specifically these include ranching, cattle feeding, livestock marketing, hay production, irrigated and dry-land crops and financing. Others include retail and wholesale businesses, government services, small hospitality/tourism, education and manufacturing. There are approximately 1,220 farms and ranches in Holt County. It is divided into 37 townships. The county is governed by seven supervisors, each elected by popular vote for a four year term.

Community Profile

There are 5 public schools and 1 private school in Holt County. The public schools are O'Neill, West Holt-Atkinson, Stuart, Ewing, and Chambers. The private school is O'Neill St. Mary's Catholic School. The majority of the students live in the county and must ride buses or drive to their schools. Northeast Community College has an extended campus in O'Neill. The college attracts many people from the area for a variety of education options. Holt County Extension Office also offers a variety of education programs and the 4H program for youth throughout the area.

Holt County has two movie theaters, one in O'Neill and the second is a newly renovated one in Stuart. There are two swimming pools in Holt County, located in O'Neill and Atkinson. There are also baseball field and city parks in all of Holt County's towns. O'Neill is the location of the am/fm radio station KBRX.

Avera St. Anthony's Hospital is located in O'Neill. This modern, two story facility with ____ rooms also has an attached primary clinic. This up to date facility offers an aquatic therapy pool, a spacious chemotherapy area, and a Women's Center for labor and delivery. The medical staff operate outreach clinics in Ewing and Chambers. West Holt Medical Services located in Atkinson is a 17 bed critical access hospital and rural health clinic offering 24-hour access to inpatient and emergency services with five providers on staff. There is also several dentists, chiropractors, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, optometrists, and pharmacists located in Holt County.

BOYD COUNTY

Community Description

Boyd County is an exclusively rural county of 2,099 residents and encompasses 544 square miles, its county seat is Butte. The county is bordered by ____ other rural Nebraska counties. There are 3 communities in Boyd County. These are Spencer (455), Butte (326) and Lynch (245). The Niobrara River runs through the southern part of the county, west to east, separating it from Holt County. State highway 281 divides the county going north and south through Spencer. Highway 11 runs north and south through Butte.

*Source: U.S. Census 2010 – American Fact Finder

Boyd County, with a 3.9 persons square mile, had a total population of 2,083 in 2011. According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey the median age of Holt County is 51.9. According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey the median household income is \$41,279 which is \$10,348 below the state (\$51,627) median income. The economy in Boyd County centers around agriculture (corn, popcorn, soybeans, alfalfa, and wheat). The county also derives economic viability from cattle, hogs, trucking, and various retail sales.

Community Profile

There are two public schools in Boyd County, West Boyd (Butte and Spencer) and Lynch. The majority of the students live in the county and must ride buses or drive to their schools. Boyd County has one movie theater located in Lynch, along with parks, RV parks, baseball fields and a pool located in Spencer. Avera St. Anthony's Hospitals medical staff operate an outreach clinic in Spencer.

Section V

Identified Priority Areas & Corresponding Strategies

Issue Based priorities

Priority #1:

Provide organized programs for youth to participate in, which may defer individuals from at-risk behaviors. This will include, but not limited to service-learning opportunities for the Holt/Boyd Truancy Prevention Program.

Strategy 1

Develop a truancy diversion program for Holt and Boyd counties. Present and consult the program with the Holt and Boyd county attorneys and school administration prior to implantation.

Stakeholders Involved

Holt County Juvenile Services, Truancy Officer, Holt & Boyd County Schools and Administration

Timeline

May 2015-August 2015

Resources Required

Salary, mileage, postage, phone, incentives for positive attendance, training

Expected Results

Decrease the number of absences in Holt and Boyd county schools

Strategy 2

Truancy: Educate Schools/ Principals, Communities, Families. Education of signs there is a problem.

Stakeholders Involved

Holt County Juvenile Services, Truancy Officer, Program Director, Holt & Boyd County Schools, Holt and Boyd County Communities, North Central Health Department

Timeline

The education will be completed during the school years.

Resources Required

Social Media, Packets, Copies

Expected Results

A better understanding of truancy and how to avoid it

Strategy 3

Service-learning projects..?

Priority 2

Take action against at-risk behaviors such as bullying, underage drinking and suicide. Educate youth and adults about these at-risk behaviors that exist among our youth. These activities may include presentations, training events, educational materials, activities, or other methods of decreasing the occurrence of the behaviors.

Strategy 1

Bullying: Educate teachers, parents, and students to be aware of these behaviors.

Stakeholders Involved

Holt County Juvenile Services, Truancy Officer, Program Director, Holt & Boyd County Schools, North Central Health Department

Timeline

The school year, August through May

Resources Required

Mileage, copies, videos, packets

Expected Results

To gain awareness of bullying and to options to avoid it.

Strategy 2

Community and youth education on underage drinking and drinking and driving. Suggest alternate activities to participate in.

Stakeholders Involved

Holt County Juvenile Services, Truancy Officer, Program Director, Holt & Boyd County Schools, Holt and Boyd County Communities, North Central Health Department

Timeline

School year, August – May

Resources Required

Videos, copies, mileage, drug dog, social media, guest speakers

Expected Results

Promotion in alternate activities, bring awareness to the community and youth about the risks of alcohol consumption.

Strategy 3

Suicide/Depression: Educate the community, teachers, parents, and students to be aware of these behaviors. Acknowledge awareness months

Stakeholders Involved

Holt County Juvenile Services, Truancy Officer, Program Director, Holt & Boyd County Schools, Holt and Boyd County Communities, North Central Health Department

Timeline

School year, August- May

Resources Required

Videos, Copies, Social Media, Packets, Mileage, Resource Manuals

Expected Results

Target awareness months and get the proper information on suicide and depression to the schools and surrounding communities.

Organizational Priorities

Priority 3

Establish realistic duties and responsibilities for personnel. Structure Holt County's Juvenile Services Program according to the growing demands of planning and implementation initiatives.

Strategy 1

Assess the job requirements of the Truancy Officer. Research other counties plans and methods used.

Stakeholders Involved

Holt County Juvenile Services, Truancy Officer, Program Director, Holt & Boyd County Schools, Probation Office

Timeline

May 2015-August 2015 and ongoing over the schools years

Resources Needed

Personal, data, mileage, media, resource manuals, postage, salary

Expected Results

Properly implement a Truancy Prevention Program for Holt and Boyd County schools and decrease the number of absences in Holt and Boyd county schools

More strategies for Priority 3

[3-5 top priorities should be identified based on discussion of juvenile justice issues in your county/counties, the services already in place to deal with those issues, the services needed to address the issues, and a determination of the gaps/needs within the county. List and describe each priority identified by the community team. The description of the priority should focus on data that supports this priority, local issues/dynamics that contribute to the problem, etc.

Priorities are divided in to 2 categories: Organizational Priorities and Issue Based Priorities.

Organizational priorities are those that will assist in making sure the community has the capability to

tackle issues as a whole. There is always improvement to be made to better situate stakeholders to improve capacity and to make sure responsibility for youth is distributed across the community, instead of resting in the hands of one or just a few. Issue Based priorities are those that focus on a particular issue or need in the community. Whether short-term or long-term, there are always issues surrounding youth to be addressed. It is very important that your community team contemplate and choose both Organizational and Issue Based priorities.

The Issue Based priority areas for this year's plan may be a continuance of the previous year's plan, but there must be statistical data to support the continuance of the respective priority area.

Appendix

- A. Juvenile Systems Analysis Tool
- B. Approval Letter/minutes from County Board
- C. Other Appendix as identified by the community team